

Parkend Community Growing Project

Next Steps meeting held on 06.03.22 in Parkend Memorial Hall 2pm

Present: E. Highfield (EH), J Couldry (JC), N. Rudge (NR), J. Mowatt (JM), M. Andrew (MA), F. Crawley (FC), C Selwyn (CS), L. Longmuir (LL) A. Grant (AG) J. Grant (JG), C Preest (CP). N. Preest (NP), Neil Halford (NH), L. Schroeder (LS), S. Freeman (SF), Pete Sherrard-Smith (PS), H. Lilley (Forestry England)

Apologies: T. Sagar, J. Dale, A. Bruce, A. Linden, A Harris, J and N Boon

EH welcomed everyone then gave a short presentation showing the site and potential projects. This included maps to show the site and potential areas for different usage.

What has happened so far?

Consultation with the local houses in the immediate vicinity of the site followed by a public drop-in session and then a full village survey. The results of the survey were shared and a report handed to all at the meeting.

A wildlife survey was conducted by Forestry England ecologist in July 2021 which identified the following

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York Lodge habitat survey

SURVEY DATE	18th July 2021	10am	24 degrees <u>celcius</u>	sunny
Flora	Lepidoptera	Other sp.	General notes for habitat survey	
Self-heal	Peacock	White-tailed bee	Dead tree and ivy covered derelict stone building of habitat interest.	
Yarrow	Common blue		Large hawthorn to retain for birds, bees <u>etc</u>	
Knapweed	Marbled white		Drive field has more fine grasses e.g. Sweet Vernal, Yorkshire Fog so best to retain as wild flower meadow.	
Mouse ear	Meadow brown		Bottom large field suited to orchard.	
Common buttercup	Small copper		Bottom drive field suited to small community garden/ allotment.	
<u>Hawkbit</u>	Ringlet			
Red clover	Red admiral			
White clover	Small heath			
Lesser stitchwort	<u>Cranbid moth</u>			
Dandelion sp.	Large white			
Common sorrel				
Ribbed plantain				
Dock sp.				
Germander speedwell				
Yellow rattle				
Common bird's foot-trefoil				
Common cudweed				
Creeping thistle				
Common centaury				

The following notes were compiled from group ideas shared at the meeting.

	<p>Herb garden</p> <p>Composting</p> <p>Fencing – Trevor Jones (runs out of Parkend FE Workshop)</p> <p>Greenhouse</p> <p>Beehives</p>	
How could the local school and families and other groups be involved?	<p>Ecological projects eg butterfly count, flower species count etc</p> <p>Bird boxes, bug hotels, hedgehog wood piles/houses</p> <p>Fruit picking for their break-times</p> <p>School to be in charge of an area – or to create hedgehog houses/bug hotels. Bird boxes (tied into Outdoor Ed)</p> <p>RSPB – access to ponds</p> <p>Community Service to help dig</p> <p>School project design competition</p> <p>Talk to the Head!</p> <p>Governors Group</p> <p>Scouts</p> <p>New Life Church (Jonathan Kear)</p>	<p>Laura to be the point of contact at the school for now.</p> <p>EH to contact Sue Middleton for contacts re making things.</p>
What access is needed	<p>Limited access – possible involvement with RSPB Nags Head Gate in Hughes Terrace to view point/ orchard/picnic area</p> <p>Disabled access to be considered to make it available to all.</p>	
Design layout and how to implement it	<p>Too early at this stage</p> <p>Site Visit!</p> <p>Wildflower meadow/survey would be a great starting project with other sections following later and hopefully with more people involved,</p>	EH to arrange site visit
Care and Maintenance	<p>Litter to be taken home – no bin emptying</p> <p>Rubbish Disposal for potential picnic area</p> <p>Dog mess</p> <p>Rota basis – paid labour</p>	

*Contributions – International Timber, Heals, Forest Caravans, local businesses, Dedication trees, Sustrans?

Next meeting – date to be arranged